

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this paper in response to the Office Action mailed November 9, 2006 (the “Office Action”). In the Office Action, the Examiner set forth a Restriction Requirement that identified what the Examiner has characterized as three (3) distinct inventions. In particular, the Examiner suggested in the Office Action that the present application contains claims directed to the following Inventions:

- I. Claims 1-14, drawn to an optoelectronic device assembly, classified in class 324, subclass 758;
- II. Claims 15-22, drawn to a test apparatus, classified in class 324, subclass 765; and

III. Claims 23-36, drawn to a method of testing electrical component, classified in class 324, subclass 158.1.

Applicant hereby elects Invention I (Claims 1-14, drawn to an optoelectronic device assembly) for examination, without traverse.

Applicant notes that while the election set forth herein is made without traverse, the mere fact that no traverse is made should not be construed as an assessment or judgment by the Applicant as to the merits, if any, of: the characterization of the claims and inventions advanced by the Examiner in the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action; or, any other assertions, allegations, statements or characterizations made by the Examiner in that restriction requirement.

An action on the merits of claims 1-14 and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner wishes to discuss any of the matters contemplated hereby, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone conversation with the undersigned.

Dated this 7th day of December 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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